# **FANTASY BOOKS** FOR YOUNG READERS AT THE **PLEASANTON PUBLIC** LIBRARY

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## **DRAGONS**

THE DRAGON'S SCALES by Sarah Albee

**JE Albee** — Grades 1-3

When a dragon threatens to disrupt the life of the townspeople, a little girl challenges the scaly creature to a math contest involving knowledge of weight.



#### THE DISCOVERY OF DRAGONS by Graeme Base

J Fiction Base — Grades 3-8

This collection of "rare historical documents" (chiefly letters and dispatches) written by three intrepid adventurers (a Viking explorer, a Chinese female traveling merchant, and a Prussian explorer/ cartographer), describes the famous dragons they discovered.

#### MATTHEW'S DRAGON by Susan Cooper

JPB Cooper — Grades K-2

The dragon in Matthew's picture book comes to life and takes him for an amazing nocturnal ride.

## THE KNIGHT AND THE DRAGON by Tomie dePaola

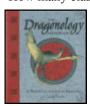
JPB dePaola — Grades K-3

A knight who has never fought a dragon and an equally inexperienced dragon prepare to meet each other in battle.

## THE DRAGONOLOGY HANDBOOK: A PRACTICAL **COURSE IN DRAGONS** by Ernest Drake

**J398.469 Drake** — Grades 3-8

How many classic riddles do you know that could help you survive a



dragon encounter? What dragon species attacks its victims with a "frosty blast" instead of a jet of flame? Which historical questions should you ask a dragon to determine its age? Can you write your name using only dragon runes? Learn the answers as Dr. Drake guides you through twenty-one lessons that promise to make you an undisputed expert in Dragonology!

## **IF I HAD A DRAGON** by Tom and Amanda Ellery

JPB Ellery — Grades K-2

Tired of playing with his little brother, a boy imagines having a dragon for a playmate instead.

#### MY FATHER'S DRAGON by Ruth Stiles Gannett

J Moving Up Gannett — Grades 1-3 — First in a trilogy

A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river on Wild Island.

## **BEHOLD - THE DRAGONS!** by Gail Gibbons

**J398.469 Gibbons** — Grades K-4

Explains how myths about dragons developed, different types of dragons, what dragonologists do, and how different cultures portray dragons.

#### THE RELUCTANT DRAGON by Kenneth Grahame

J Moving Up Grahame — Grades 1-5

In the illustrated, abridged version of the original, the boy who finds the dragon in the cave knows it is a kindly, harmless one, but how can he convince the frightened villagers and especially St. George the dragon killer that there is no need to be concerned?



### **SERIOUS TROUBLE** by Arthur Howard

**JPB Howard** — Grades K-2

Despite the objections of his very serious parents, Prince Ernst longs to become a jester, and this helps him in an encounter with a threeheaded dragon.

## THE DRAGONLING by Jackie French Koller

**J Moving Up Koller** — Grades 2-4 — *Dragonling series* 

Finding a baby dragon accidently left alive after his older brother's dragon quest, Darek risks death and the anger of his people in trying to return it to the Valley of the Dragons.

## WHO WANTS A DRAGON? by James Mayhew JPB Mayhew — Grades Preschool-1

A baby dragon looking for someone to cuddle him finally encounters his mother.

**DRAGONS** by Lucille Recht Penner

**J398.2454 Penner** — Grades 3-5

Relates myths about dragons from different countries, including where they live, what they eat, and how they look, as well as how the myths may have developed.

## LILY QUENCH AND THE DRAGON OF ASHBY

by Natalie Jane Prior — Grades 3-6 — Lily Quench series Children's Paperbacks "L"

Lily Quench, the last of a family of dragon slayers, befriends the dragon she is sent to kill and together they join forces against an evil

#### THE RELUCTANT DRAGON retold by Robert San Souci



JPB San Souci — Grades 3-5 In this retelling of the classic tale, the boy who finds the dragon in the cave knows it is a kindly, harmless one, but how can he convince the frightened villagers and, especially, St. George the dragon killer that there is no cause for concern?

## THE POPCORN DRAGON by Jane Thayer

JPB Thaver — Grades Preschool-2

Though his hot breath is the envy of all the other animals, a young dragon learns that showing off does not make friends.

#### A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO DRAGONS

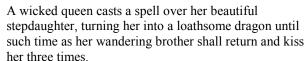
by Lisa Trutkoff Trumbauer

**J398.2454 Trumbauer** — Grades 3-7

A young nephew relates to his aunt all that he has learned from his wizard instructor concerning dragons.

# THE LOATHSOME DRAGON by David Wiesner







#### **EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT A DRAGON LOOKS LIKE**

by Jay Williams

JPB Williams — Grades K-2

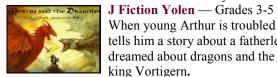
Because of the road sweeper's belief in him, a dragon saves the city of Wu from the Wild Horsemen of the north.

#### **BEWARE THE DRAGONS!** by Sarah Wilson

JPB Wilson — Grades Preschool-2

A little girl sets sail across the bay and discovers that the dragons there, about which her mother has warned her, only want to play.

#### MERLIN AND THE DRAGONS by Jane Yolen



When young Arthur is troubled by dreams, Merlin tells him a story about a fatherless boy who himself dreamed about dragons and the defeat of the evil king Vortigern.

## FAIRIES

## FAIRYOPOLIS: A FLOWER FAIRIES JOURNAL

by Cicely Mary Barker

**J133.14 Barker** — Grades 3-8

Do you believe in fairies? Protected and hidden by a society of Fairy lovers for over 80 years the secret fairy journal of Cicely Mary Barker is available for the first time ever to the public. Learn what really happened during that magical Summer of 1920 when Cicely Mary Barker discovered the secret world of the Flower Fairies.

#### A CHILD'S BOOK OF FAERIES

by Tanya Robyn Batt

**J398.21 Batt** — Grades 2-5

A bewitching collection of stories and poems of faerie lore from Great Britain and Ireland that are influenced by writers and artists from the Victorian era.



## FAIRIE-ALITY: THE FASHION COLLECTION FROM THE **HOUSE OF ELLWAND** by Eugenie Bird

J398.45 Fairie-ality — Grades 3-8

Experience an unforgettable adventure in fashion design as the Ellwand line combines sheer artistry with unparalleled standards of workmanship to offer you fairie garments of tasteful originality.

**A TINY FAMILY** by Norman Bridwell

JE Bridwell — Grades Preschool-1

A tiny girl and her tiny brother embark on a perilous journey into the house of a giant to retrieve their grandfather's umbrella.

## FAIRIES, TROLLS, AND GOBLINS: POEMS ABOUT **FANTASTIC CREATURES** compiled by Dilys Evans

**J811.00803 Fairies** — Grades 1-4

A collection of poems by a variety of authors about all types of fairy folk including trolls, gnomes, ogres, pixies, and many others.

## GOOD NIGHT, FAIRIES by Kathleen Hague

JPB Hague — Grades Preschool-2

At bedtime, a mother tells her curious child about the things that fairies do, like hang the stars in the evening sky and care for the toys that children have



#### THE BOOK OF FAIRY POETRY

selected and illustrated by Michael Hague

**J821.00803 Book** — Grades K-5

Poets from Shakespeare to Walter de la Mare to Jack Prelutsky have written about fairy folk. Sometimes they can be benefactors and helpers; often times, tricksters; but always, creatures of sublime beauty and wonder.

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**FAIRY BOAT** by Tracy Kane

JPB Kane — Grades Preschool-2 Join Chelsea as she launches Fairy Boat, a loving creation by Chelsea, Gram, and Grandpa. A goose chases the boat into the big river. With the fairies help maybe they will see the Fairy Boat again.



**FAIRY FLIGHT** by Tracy Kane

JPB Kane — Grades Preschool-2

Kinsey and her cousin Sarah, spend summers creating fairy houses, fairy boats, and fairy dances.

**FAIRY HOUSES** by Tracy Kane

**JPB Kane** — Grades Preschool-2



Join Kristen as she vacations on a small island off the coast of Maine with her parents. Kristen builds a "fairy house" in the woods and day by day adds new things to make it special. Kristen becomes the heroine of her own story while she develops a new awareness and respect for nature.

FAIRY HOUSES...EVERYWHERE! by Barry & Tracy Kane **J398.4 Kane** — Grades K-3

Discover how fairy houses can be built everywhere, as revealed throughout this magical photographic journey.

**LILY'S PESKY PLANT** by Kirsten Larsen Children's Paperbacks "D" — Grades 2-3

Disney Fairies series

Lily, a garden-talent fairy, finds an unusual seed in the forest, plants it in her garden, and hopes that she will not be forced to uproot the plant it produces.



**FAIRY ISLAND** by Laura and Cameron Martin

**J398.45 Martin** — Grades K-3

Take a tour through five tiny, perfect fairy homes, cleverly camouflaged, fully furnished, and delicately decorated.

#### **RUBY THE RED FAIRY** by Daisy Meadows

Children's Paperbacks "R" — Grades 1-3 — Rainbow Magic series Rainbow fairies Rachel and Kirsty must find the other Rainbow fairies in order to prevent Fairyland from losing its colors and turning gray forever.

THE CHARM BRACELET by Emily Rodda

**J Fiction Rodda** — Grades 1-5 — Fairy Realm series



When Jessie searches for her ill grandmother's missing charm bracelet, she is led to a magical world and finds she has a reason and right to be there.

**ALICE THE FAIRY** by David Shannon

JPB Shannon — Grades K-1

Alice, who claims to be a Temporary Fairy, still has a lot to learn, such as how to make her clothes put themselves away in the closet.

#### THE ENCHANTED TAPESTRY: A CHINESE FOLKTALE

by Robert San Souci

**J398.21 San Souci** — Grades 1-3

With the aid of a sorceress, young Li Ju seeks his mother's precious handmade tapestry held by the fairies of Sun Mountain.

FRITZ AND THE MESS FAIRY by Rosemary Wells

JPB Wells — Grades K-1

Fritz, a master at creating terrible messes, meets his match when his science project goes wrong and the Mess Fairy emerges.

## WITCHES & WIZARDS

THE DRAGON OF DOOM by Bruce Coville

**J Moving Up Coville** — Grades 1-3 — *Moongobble and Me series* Life in the village of Pigbone is boring until an aspiring magician and his talking toad come to town and ask Edward to help them slay the Dragon of Doom.

**TILLY WITCH** by Don Freeman

JPB Freeman — Grades K-2

Tilly Witch forgot how to be mean and had to return to finishing school for witches to re-learn the trickery of the trade.

#### THE WITCH WHO WAS AFRAID OF WITCHES

by Alice Low

JE Low — Grades 1-3

A little witch finds a way to out-witch her two bossy

A VERY BRAVE WITCH by Alison McGhee

JPB McGhee — Grades K-3

A young witch describes what she does on Halloween, her favorite holiday.

WINNIE THE WITCH by Korky Paul and Valerie Thomas JPB Paul — Grades K-2

Because Winnie the Witch lives in a house where everything is black, she cannot see her black cat--until she comes up with a brilliant and colorful idea.

WIZARD AND WART by Janice Lee Smith

**JE Smith** — Grades K-2

When Wizard and his dog Wart advertise their magic business, they have some problems with several lovesick customers.

## MYTHICAL CREATURES

## THE DRAGON AND THE UNICORN by Lynn Cherry



J Moving Up Cherry — Grades 2-4 Valerio the dragon and Allegra the unicorn are driven into hiding when humans begin to destroy the natural beauty of their land, but they receive hope when they befriend the daughter of the man responsible.

#### THE RAINBOW GOBLINS by Ul De Rico

JPB De Rico — Grades Preschool-2

After seven goblins try to steal it, the Rainbow is careful never again to touch the earth.

**SARAH'S UNICORN** by Bruce and Katherine Coville

**JE Coville** — Grades K-3

Although she tries to keep her friendship with Oakhorn a secret, Sarah's wicked aunt finds out and is determined to rob the unicorn of his magic.

## ARTHUR SPIDERWICK'S FIELD GUIDE TO THE FANTASTICAL WORLD AROUND YOU

by Tony DiTerlizzi & Holly Black

J Fiction DiTerlizzi — Grades 3-6

This field guide purports to be a copy of Arthur Spiderwick's sketches and investigations into the beings and beasties of the Invisible World – the brownies,

THE UNICORN AND THE LAKE by Marianna Mayer JPB Mayer — Grades 2-4

boggarts, kelpies, and other creatures that populate the stories.

When a serpent poisons the lake where all the animals drink, only the unicorn has the power to save them.

**UNICORNS** by Lucille Recht Penner

**J398.2454** — Grades 2-4

This small book introduces legends, myths, and stories about unicorns.

THE BOOK OF BEASTS by Edith Nesbit

JPB Nesbit — Grades K-4

As young King Lionel turns the pages of his magical book, a hungry red dragon and other creatures in the illustrations come to life.

## CASTLES. PRINCESSES & KNIGHTS

**CASTLE UNDER ATTACK** by Nicole Baxter

**JE Baxter** — Grades K-2

As King Leo is hosting a huge feast at the Lego castle, the outlaw Cedric launches an attack and takes Princess Storm hostage.

PRINCESS: THE ESSENTIAL GUIDE by Naia Bray-Moffatt **J745.1 Bray-Moffatt** — Grades Preschool-3

A guide to Disney's princesses, each one's hobbies, personality, friends, enemies, and special moments from her story.

**PRINCESS FOR A DAY** by Maryann Cocca-Leffler JE Cocca-Leffler — Grades K-2

Jessie becomes a princess complete with a ball gown, a crown, royal jewels, and loyal subjects to come to the royal ball.

THE PRINCESS KNIGHT by Cornelia Funke

JPB Funke — Grades Preschool-2

Violetta is a small and spirited young princess who wants to be a knight so she dresses as a boy and practices for the big day to prove herself.

## THE KITCHEN KNIGHT: A TALE OF KING ARTHUR

by Margaret Hodges

**J398.22 Hodges** — Grades 3-8

In this retelling of an Arthurian legend, Sir Gareth becomes a knight and rescues the lady imprisoned by the fearsome Red Knight of the Red Plain.

## HORACE THE HORRIBLE: A KNIGHT MEETS HIS MATCH by Jackie French Koller

JPB Koller — Grades Preschool-3



The fearsome knight Horace tries to prove to his niece that he is as good as his brother, the King, while all she really wants is someone to help her stop missing her father.

#### THE KNIGHT WHO TOOK ALL DAY by James Mayhew JPB Mayhew — Grades K-2

A pompous knight who sets out to impress a princess by fighting a dragon is foiled by the fact that he can't find one.

## THE PAPER BAG PRINCESS

by Robert Munsch

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JPB Munsch — Grades Preschool-3

Princess Elizabeth, robbed of her beautiful clothes and her fiancé by a fierce dragon, dons a paper bag and marches off to rescue her prince, only to realize he is not worthy of her efforts.

SIR SMALL AND THE DRAGONFLY by Jane O'Connor

JE O'Connor — Grades K-2

When a dragonfly swoops over the town of Pee Wee and carries Lady Teena away, brave Sir Small rides off on his trusty ant vowing to rescue her.

## **CHRISTMAS IN CAMELOT** by Mary Pope Osborne

J Moving Up Osborne — Grades 1-3

Magic Tree House series

On Christmas Eve, Jack and Annie's tree house transports them to King Arthur's castle at Camelot, where they undertake a quest to the castle of the Otherworld.

### HAUNTED CASTLE ON HALLOWS EVE



by Mary Pope Osborne J Moving Up Osborne — Grades 1-3

Magic Tree House series

In their magic tree house, Jack and Annie are again transported to King Arthur's realm, where invisible beings, giant ravens, and mistaken magic spells have a duke's castle in an uproar on Halloween night.

# THE KNIGHT AT DAWN by Mary Pope Osborne

J Moving Up Osborne

*Magic Tree House series* — Grades 1-3

Eight-year-old Jack and his younger sister Annie use the magic treehouse to travel back to the Middle Ages, where they explore a castle and are helped by a mysterious knight.

#### KNIGHTS AND CASTLES

by Will Osborne and Mary Pope Osborne

**J940.1 Osborne** — Grades 1-3

Magic Tree House Research Guide series

This book explores what life was really like in medieval times.

## KING ARTHUR'S COURAGE by Stephanie Spinner

J Moving Up Spinner — Grades 2-4

King Arthur tells the Knights of the Round Table a tale of his capture and his betrayal by his half-sister, Morgan Le Fay.

#### **GET WELL, GOOD KNIGHT** by Shelley Moore Thomas

**JE Thomas** — Grades K-3 — *Audiobook available* 

The knight finds his three little dragon friends suffering with terrible colds and the noble fellow sets off to seek a healing potion.

#### GOOD NIGHT, GOOD KNIGHT

by Shelly Moore Thomas

**JE Thomas** — Grades K-3 — *First in a series* 

A Good Knight helps three little dragons who are having trouble getting to sleep.

**DO KNIGHTS TAKE NAPS?** by Kathy Tucker JPB Tucker — Grades K-2

Rhyming text explores what it means to be a knight, what he wears, and what he does for fun.

**SLEEPING UGLY** by Jane Yolen

JE Yolen — Grades K-2

When beautiful Princess Miserella, Plain Jane, and a fairy fall under a sleeping spell, a prince undoes the spell in a surprising way.

# PAPERBACK SERIES

Shelved in J Paperbacks by first letter of series title

**MAGIC TREE HOUSE** by Mary Pope Osborne — Grades 1-3 **DISNEY FAIRIES** by various authors — Grades 2-4 DRAGON SLAYERS' ACADEMY by Kate McMullan Grades 2-4

**LILY QUENCH** by Natalie Jane Prior — Grades 3-6 **RAINBOW MAGIC** by Daisy Meadows — Grades 1-3

**SECRETS OF DROON** by Tony Abbott — Grades 1-3

**TIME WARP TRIO** by Jon Scieszka — Grades 3-5

**THE UNICORN'S SECRET** by Kathleen Duey — Grades 2-4